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Serial No.: 10/711,652
Filed: September 29, 2004
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
Applicant: Bogdan Radu and Alan G. Dry
Title: AUTOMOTIVE ASHTRAY HAVING AN ELECTROLUMINESCENT LAMP AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME
Attorney Docket: MASL-53
Confirmation No.: 5651

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

January 11, 2005

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Sir:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)
TO ACCEPT UNSIGNED DECLARATION

Applicant Alan G. Dry, hereby petitions the Patent Office to accept the previously submitted and unsigned Declaration by Bogdan Radu, a joint inventor refusing to join in the above-referenced application for patent. Attached is a Statement of Facts in support thereof.

As set out in the accompanying Statement of Facts and attached Exhibits, joint inventor Alan G. Dry signed and submitted a Declaration in conjunction with the filing of the above-referenced application. This Declaration was submitted without the

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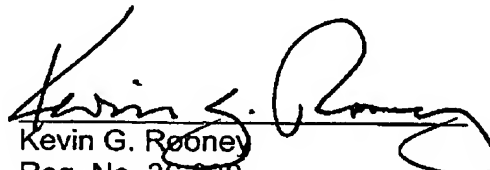
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signature of joint inventor Bogdan Radu. On one or more occasions, Mr. Radu was presented with the patent application along with a Declaration for execution through his attorney. Mr. Radu, however, continues to refuse to sign and join in the application for patent. In view thereof, Applicant requests acceptance of this petition to preserve his rights or to prevent irreparable damage.

This is authorization for the Commissioner to charge \$200.00 for the petition fee to Deposit Account 23-3000. Applicant believes that no other fees are due in connection with this petition. However, if such petition is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.


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- (a) ☐ is attached hereto
- (b) ☒ was filed on September 29, 2004, and was accorded Application
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- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in International Application No.
_____ filed on _____ and as amended on _____
(If any).

**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING
ON BEHALF OF NON-SIGNING INVENTOR (37 CFR §1.47a)**

This statement is being made to provide proof of the pertinent facts establishing the efforts made to obtain execution of a Declaration by Bogdan Radu, the non-signing joint inventor, and his refusal to sign same for the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, this action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damage.

This statement is being made by the available person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING THIS STATEMENT OF FACTS

Name: Steven W. Benintendi
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LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE NON-SIGNING INVENTOR

Name of non-signing inventor: Bogdan Radu
Last known address of non-signing inventor: 16011 Knollwood Drive, Dearborn,
Michigan 48120

STATEMENT OF FACTS

I am an attorney for the law firm of Wood, Herron & Evans, LLP. On, or about, July 1, 2004, I began corresponding with Bogdan Radu to enable me to prepare the above referenced and now filed U.S. patent application. At that time, Mr. Radu was an employee of the Lear Corporation. The invention was made jointly by Mr. Radu and Mr. Alan G. Dry while employed by the Lear Corporation. Mr. Radu agreed in writing to assign all inventions made during employment to the Lear Corporation, as evidenced by the "Employee Confidential Information and Intellectual Property Agreement" attached as Exhibit A. It is apparent that Mr. Radu signed this document on October 17, 2001.

Between July 1, 2004 and August 19, 2004, Mr. Radu and I corresponded on several occasions to discuss additional information that Mr. Radu agreed to supply to assist in the preparation of the patent application. On August 19, 2004, I received a letter from Mr. Radu's personal attorney, Karen Smith Kienbaum, as an attachment to

an e-mail, requesting that all contact with Mr. Radu be ceased. A copy of this correspondence is attached as Exhibit B.

On September 28, 2004, the Lear Corporation authorized Wood, Herron and Evans, L.L.P. to file the U.S. application subsequently accorded Application Serial No. 10/711,652 with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office along with the Declaration of Exhibit C signed by Mr. Dry but unsigned by Mr. Radu.

On November 18, 2004, a copy of the patent application and a Declaration were forwarded along with a letter to Mr. Radu's counsel requesting execution of the Declaration by Bogdan Radu. This letter further requested that the executed Declaration be received by December 13, 2004. I did not immediately receive the delivery receipt. Thus, on December 2, 2004 I re-sent the letter, patent application and Declaration to Mr. Radu's counsel. Some time after December 2, 2004, I received the original signed delivery receipt. The second delivery receipt was also returned but unsigned. A copy of the two letters is attached as Exhibit D, which also includes a copy of both delivery receipts. To date, I have not received a signed Declaration in response to my letters.

Date:

1/11/05
Steven W. Benintendi

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I also agree that I will not, either during or after my employment, disclose or use any confidential or secret information pertaining to Lear's business, without permission of Lear in writing, nor otherwise engage in any activity detrimental to Lear's interests.

ACCEPTED _____
Lear Representative

SIGNED *Reich Boyd*
Employee

DATE _____ DATE 17 Oct 2001



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Re: Mr. Bogdan Radu

Dear Mr. Benintendi,

Our office represents Mr. Bogdan Radu (patent applications #04961, #04962, #04981). Your client Lear Corporation has recently terminated Mr. Radu. Therefore, because Lear no longer employs Mr. Radu, we ask that your office refrain from contacting him regarding any of his patent submissions, or for any other matter. Hopefully Mr. Radu will be able to work out an agreement with Lear that will allow him to continue to work with you and your firm as a consultant regarding any pending patents.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at (313) 967-0700. If I am not available please speak with my colleague, Darren Burmania.

Sincerely,

Karen Smith Kienbaum & Associates

Karen Smith Kienbaum

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Attorney Docket No. MASL-53**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**AUTOMOTIVE ASHTRAY HAVING AN ELECTROLUMINESCENT LAMP AND
METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME**

the specification of which (check one below):

- ☒ (X) is attached hereto.
- ☐ () was filed on ___ as Application Serial No. ___ or Express Mail No. ___, and was amended on ___ (if applicable).
- ☐ () was filed on ___ as PCT International Application No. ___, and as amended under PCT Article 19 on ___ (if any).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed?

_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ Day/Month/Year Filed	() Yes () No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I appoint the practitioners associated with the customer number 37,690 to be my attorneys or agents, with full power of substitute and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Address all correspondence and telephone calls to

Kevin G. Rooney

Address of customer number 37,690
Telephone (513) 241-2324
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I request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office grant a U.S. patent for the invention described and claimed in the specification identified above.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of Inventor Bogdan Radu

Inventor's Signature _____ Date _____

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Full name of Inventor Alan G. Dry

Inventor's Signature  Date 09-28-04

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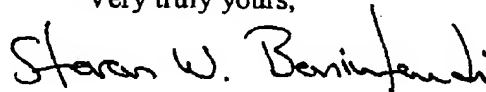
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